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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Attendance at Meeting on CW Called by NSC Staff

1. A meeting of principal agencies was held on Friday, 11 February in the White House Situation Room on US chemical warfare policy options. The undersigned was the senior CIA representative accompanied by [redacted] The attendees were:

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Dr. Jessica Tuchman, NSC Staff, Chairperson  
Leon Sloss, ACDA  
Bob Mikulak, ACDA  
Chuck Floweree, ACDA  
Homer Phelps, ACDA  
Vincent Baker, ACDA  
Dr. Karl Weber, CIA  
[redacted] CIA  
Brig. Gen. James M. Thomson, ISA/DoD  
Col. Donald Mahlberg, ISA/DoD  
Brig. Gen. Richard Anson, JCS

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2. The Chairperson indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine if there was a need for a formal Presidential Review Memorandum (PRM) on the subject or if an ad hoc group under NSC could prepare a report on policy options based upon past studies. The President had urged that a treaty limiting chemical weapons should be pursued with all speed.

3. State and ACDA urged a quick study to support forthcoming CCD sessions while Defense argued that any arms control agreement is risky to the US and its allies and would be a treaty that could not be verified. In the DoD view it was not "just important to make a nice show on CCD." Leon Sloss reviewed the anticipated time table for

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test ban treaty negotiations in CCD. The Chairperson stated that she had studied an outline proposed by ACDA for a study, listened to all suggestions, including Dr. Weber's view of the foreign CW threat, that should be considered in developing a national policy. She decided that she would herself prepare an outline for a four-part PRM consisting of a statement of US principles, an intelligence estimate of foreign capabilities and intentions, US force posture considerations, and verification aspects. She will then discuss with Mr. Brzezinski how to proceed from there.



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